



MR. SPORTS . . . Elmer Red Moon, adult athletics director for the City of Torrance, is pictured polishing Recreation League championship basketball trophy which he launched 17 years ago. Winners of tonight's league playoffs will meet to decide 1961 champions and the possession of the perpetual award. (Herald Photo)

City Basketball Trophy Just 'Grew Up' in 17-Year Period

Like little Topsy the Torrance Recreation League championship basketball team perpetual trophy "just sort of grew up" under the guidance of Elmer "Red" Moon, Adult Athletics Director in the Torrance Recreation Dept., who started the ball rolling 17 years ago.

Red Moon joined the recreation department in 1945 and two years later set up the perpetual basketball trophy with Fenwick's Shoe Repair taking home the three-foot award in 1947.

MEMBERS of this first trophy winning team were Dan Moon, son of Red Moon and captain of the team; Bill Stanley, Bill Dietlan, Don Teske, Ken Kesson, Bill Jackson, and Bud Smith.

The Redondo Eagles won the championship in 1948 and Reed's Polar Kitchen took over in 1949. As the basketball trophy set near a hot plate at Reed's it came back coated with hamburger grease and Red spent hours cleaning it up before he could turn it over to Fenwick's who again won the title. Fenwick's held on to the prize through 1952.

Lee's Banner Drugs, with George Witt, pitcher for the Pirates last year; and Paul Pettitt, Coast League bonus baby, in their lineup took over in 1953.

THE REDONDO Eagles again

won the championship and trophy in 1954 under the management of Ed Coury and the title went to Allen's Burgers in 1955, Kenny's Shoe Repair in '56, Wright's Anserphone in '57 and Kenny's again in '58 and '59. Avery Bryant's unsponsored team held the championship in 1960.

FOUR TEAMS will play in the Torrance High School gym tonight to decide which will take home the prize trophy. Kenny's Shoe Repair, winner of the open league and now managed by Bryant, meets

Tribe Baseball Team in L.B.

El Camino College baseballers will defend their Metropolitan Conference Tournament crown Friday when they travel to Blair Field in Long Beach for three tourney games.

All Metro clubs will be on hand to battle for top honors of the tournament. The Metro loop is composed of eight squads spreading throughout Southern California from San Diego to Bakersfield, with East L.A., Valley Harbor, Santa Monica, Long Beach, and El Camino bunched in the middle.

Ted Williams to Conduct Baseball Clinic

Little League Baseball and the Boston Red Sox are sharing Ted Williams' attention these days as he prepares to participate in the opening of the International Little League Baseball Congress next week in Los Angeles, and to conduct a Batting Clinic for Little League players throughout the greater Los Angeles area in the Memorial Coliseum.

The former Red Sox star will be honored guest March 22 at ceremonies launching the International Congress of Little Leagues being held from March 22 to 25 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Attending the Conference will be representatives from 50 states and 23 foreign countries.

WILLIAMS, who was twice voted the most valuable player in the American League and chosen by veteran players and writers to receive the "Player of the Decade" award in 1960, will fly to Los Angeles from the Red Sox Spring Training Camp in Scottsdale to help inaugurate the 1961 Little League Season in Southern California.

On March 22 from 7 to 8 p.m., Williams, assisted by two Boston Red Sox players, will conduct a free Batting Clinic as part of the program in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum during the International Sports and Travel Show. Appearing with Williams will be Red Sox relief pitcher Mike Fornieles and catcher Ken Okrie as well as members of the USC baseball squad.

REFERRING to the plans for the Batting Clinic, Perry Winstead, California State Director for Little League Baseball, said:

"The Little League organization in Southern California is grateful to Ted Williams for his interest in and support of the Little League Program in this area. The Batting Clinic will be one of the highlights of our pre-season activities and a great boost to the program in the greater Los Angeles area. It promises to be of particular value to the boys as well as the adults associated with Little League here. Seeing Ted Williams in action will be an inspiration to Little League



FOR LITTLE LEAGUERS . . . Ted Williams, former Boston Red Sox star, discusses fine points of the game with one of his Little League admirers as he prepares to participate in International Little League Baseball Congress in Los Angeles next week.

players and all baseball enthusiasts."

DURING THE clinic, which has been designed to help Little League players improve their hitting and other phases of the game, "Terrific Ted" will talk about and demonstrate techniques of batting which local Little League coaches have advised him would be most helpful to young players. Arrangements for the "Batting Clinic" have been made through the courtesy of Sears, Roebuck and Co. in co-operation with the management of the International Sports and Travel Show.

Free passes for Little League players to the Sports Show and Batting Clinic can be obtained from the Sporting Goods Department at any Sears, Roebuck and Co. retail store in Southern California. Little

League players with free passes will be admitted through the Coliseum pass gate at the Santa Barbara St. entrance.



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